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MUSKOGEE FAIR BILL PASSES HOUSE

Prosecutors in Impeachment Trials of State Officials Named.

Oklahoma City, Jan. 30.—With machine-like precision the "organization" pushed the Muskogee state fair bill through the house of representatives Wednesday afternoon.

The vote stood 55 to 41. Speaker Maxey led the fight for the bill, which was by Representatives Wyand and Carr, both of Muskogee. Mr. Welby of Oklahoma county headed the opponents in a vain effort to so amend the bill that it would read "The New State Fair" instead of "The State Fair," contending that the latter title was an infringement upon the title of the long established state fair at Oklahoma City.

Mr. Williams of Comanche, fought both the bill and an alleged combination between Muskogee and Oklahoma City by which, so Mr. Williams charged, the state fair was swapped for a capitol appropriation, and said that if he saw proof of such a trade he would fight the capitol appropriation to the last ditch.

In the course of the fight that Mr. Williams waged against the bill, some of the bitterness left by the speaker-ship fight became apparent.

The Oklahoma county delegation voted against the bill on final passage.

Anti-Saloon League Bill.

The passage of the fair bill, and the passage to final roll call of the "anti-saloon league" bill to make it a felony to maintain an establishment for the sale of intoxicants, or to sell intoxicants to minors, or to act as Oklahoma agent for a wholesale liquor house, or to take or transmit liquor orders, made up the chief work of the house of representatives Wednesday.

Speaker Maxey named the Sulphur investigating committee, Messrs. Curtis, Hunter and DeFord, but withheld the names of the general investigating committee until Thursday.

Messrs. Wyand, of Muskogee, Pinkham, of Kay, and McGuire (republican), of Guthrie, were named as the "prosecutors" for the house of representatives to handle the impeachment trials of State Auditor Leo Meyer and State Printer Giles W. Farris in the senate. These three gentlemen drew up the articles of impeachment, and were members of the house committee on impeachment and removal, which returned the indictments against the accused state auditors.

Roll Call on Fair Bill.

The roll call on the passage of the Muskogee fair bill was as follows:

Ayes: Baker, Baum, Berry, Bishop, Bonds, Carr, Case, Curry, Charles, Chase, Coyne, Crawford, Curry, Curtis, Davis, Durant, Edmister, Edwards, Emanuel, Farrall, Glasco, Griggs, Harrison, Hill of Pittsburg, Howe, Hoyt, Hunter, Jamison, Lenox, McGuire, Mabon, Matthews, Mitchell, Moore, Morgan of Mayes, Olmstead, Parkhurst, Peery, Peters, Prentiss, Rexroat, Rider, Rose, Searcy, Sherman, Smith of Dewey, Spangler, Stillwell, Taylor, Teehee, Thomas, Ventch, Vosburgh, Williams of Tulsa, Wyand, Maxey. Total, 55.

Nays: Bolen, Bond, Brooks, Brown, Childers, Christian, Cordell, Cummings, Dearing, DeFord, Disney, Hallsell, Haynes, Hill of Washita, Joseph, Joyner, King, Lemon, Lewis, McCrory, McMahon, Morgan of Jackson, Morris, Pinkham, Pruett, Randall, Reece, Riddle, Ruby, Rutherford, Russell, Sharp, Smith of Pottawatomie, Tener, Testerman, Thompson, Welby, Whitman, Williams of Comanche, Woodward, Wright. Total, 41.

Absent: Ashby, Cook, Roberts. Total, 3.

Hog Train Coming.

The Oklahoma poultry, hog and demonstration train, under the auspices of the A. & M. college and in co-operation with the Santa Fe System, will visit this city sometime between the dates of January 20th and February 1st, 1913. The Rock Island kafir corn special was an unquestioned success. The present special starting from Stillwater January 20th is the second of the agricultural gospel-trains running over the four largest transportation systems of the state. Two more will follow. This A. & M. college train is splendidly equipped in men and agricultural demonstration features.

Mr. Banker, Mr. Merchant and Mr. Townsman, won't you devote the day this train is in your city—out of respect to the HOG and the HEN, and

what they will mean to the continued progress and permanent prosperity to your own community. Won't you anticipate this event and have your Commercial Club and your newspapers put on a campaign to GET THE FARMERS INTO TOWN? Have four merchants put on a Bargain Day, and close their stores for at least half of the day and go to the train with the farmers.

FIVE NEW PAPERS A DAY.

Birth Rate in the United States and Canada According to Newspaper Census.

Philadelphia, Jan. 30.—New publications came into existence during 1912 at the rate of about five a day, according to census figures compiled by the 1913 American Newspaper Annual and Director, published here today.

The exact number begun is 1,686. In the same period 1,650 were discontinued, making the net increase for the year 36, about equally divided between the United States and Canada. As in recent years, there were many consolidations. Much the largest comparative growth was in the daily field.

The publishing and printing industry, which the Annual and Director represents, is one that, in number of employees, value of products, and value added by manufacture, is exceeded only by four others in the entire realm of our country's manufacture. The increase in value of output in this industry is remarkable. In ten years it was more than 86 per cent. The annual income of newspapers and publications is now estimated at \$360,000,000—a million dollars a day, of which, perhaps, two-thirds is derived from advertising.

The current Annual and Director describes 24,381 publications, of which 2,633 are daily; 17,285 weekly; 3,069 monthly. These are printed in 11,629 towns, which are likewise commercially described.

Publications issued in the interest of various classes and lines of business continue to be numerous. There are 208 such lists, running from the large ones, devoted to religion and agriculture, to small groups, representing sociology, woman's suffrage, cement and concrete, moving pictures, esperanto, etc. Every line of activity has its printed exponent in these days.

TRAGEDIES OF THE DAY.

St. Louis.—Mrs. Clara Venneman of Kirkwood, a suburb, was shot and dangerously wounded by a burglar, whom she discovered in her room.

St. Louis.—Mrs. Mary Ritter, 75, was burned to death at her home in Mascoutah, Ill., near here, while trying to reach the telephone to give the fire alarm.

Fargo, N. D.—Mrs. G. J. Gordon is dead at her home here and her 5-year-old daughter and 3-year-old son are not expected to recover. The three were overcome by gas fumes.

Ottumwa, Ia.—George Zugschwerdt, a passenger engineer on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, fell from the cab while his engine was crossing a bridge near Ottumwa and was killed.

Grand Lake, Col.—The bodies of Andrew Kushner and Thomas Dunn, miners, were found frozen and under twenty feet of snow twenty miles from Chambers Lake, near the site of their cabin which was demolished by a snow slide last Friday.

OFFICERS SEEK PLUMS.

Democratic National Guardsmen After Appointments Under Wilson.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 29.—Democratic officers of the national guard are throwing their hats in the ring for appointments by President-Elect Wilson. Adjutant General Frank Canton wants to be United States marshal; Rev. Job Ingram of Kingfisher, chaplain of the guard, wants to be United States senate chaplain. Colonel Roy V. Hoffman of the First regiment, is asking for a consulship in South America. He is in Washington now.

Bonds Will Draw 4 Per Cent.

Oklahoma City, Jan. 29.—The \$3,000,000 state bond issue to take up outstanding warrants will draw 4 per cent and not 4½ percent interest. The financial board of the state declined to advance the interest rate when urged by bankers to do so, and thought it had a buyer for the full issue. A representative of the board went east to close the deal on the 4 per cent basis, and found there many telegrams from Oklahoma bond men advising against purchasing, saying the interest rate would be lifted.

Willis Burchett returned today from Bolivar, Mo., where he has been to attend the funeral of his grandmother, who was over 98 years old.

WOULD RELOCATE SCHOOL FOR BLIND

Wyand And Wright Propose to Place Institution at Muskogee.

Oklahoma City, Jan. 30.—Bills to locate the state school for the blind at Muskogee with an appropriation of \$125,000; to re-appropriate \$250,000 for four additional buildings at the Vinita asylum for the insane; to abolish the board of county commissioners and to abolish the Kentucky system of a board of magistrates, and to abolish the office of the county clerk were included among the new measures that went into the upper house Wednesday.

The full list of new bills introduced Wednesday is as follows:

No. 464—By Pinkham: Making appropriations for assessments upon the state and school lands assessed under the provisions of the drainage act of the state of Oklahoma.

No. 465—By Wyand and Wright: To permanently locate the school for the blind at Muskogee, to be known as the Oklahoma School for the Blind, providing for the securing of a site and the construction of suitable buildings, and making an appropriation therefor of \$125,000.

No. 466—By Lemon and Joseph: Amending section two of chapter one of the session laws of 1899, the same being section two of chapter one of the statutes of 1903, relating to abstractor.

No. 467—By Joiner and Mitchell (Sen.): To abolish the office of county clerk.

No. 468—By Edwards: To amend chapter 114 of the session laws of 1911 to the statutes of the state of Oklahoma, being an act creating a lien for wages of laborers and employees, and providing the procedure to enforce same, said amendment being relative to liens of blacksmiths, wheelwrights and horseshoers.

School of Mines.

No. 470—By Sorrells senate, and Peery: Appropriating moneys for the general maintenance and support of the school of mines and metallurgy at Wilburton, Okla., for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1914 and June 30, 1915, \$50,000.

No. 471—By Brown: To abolish the boards of county commissioners in the several counties of the state, and substitute therefor boards to be composed of magistrates.

No. 472—Hill and Whitman of Pittsburg: An act making an appropriation for merchandise furnished to the assistant highway engineer, and declaring an emergency.

No. 473—By Coyne: An act to amend house bill 361 to re-appropriate \$250,000 for the erection and equipment of four additional buildings at the eastern Oklahoma hospital for the insane at Vinita.

No. 474—By Sharp: An act to prohibit conducting or maintaining of any pool or billiard hall with a distance of two miles of any state or sectarian school, and providing penalties therefor.

No. 475—By Griggs: To authorize county commissioners to change boundaries of stock districts and declaring an emergency.

No. 476—By —: An act to define money loan sharks and provide penalty for such; to punish usurers.

No. 477—By Dixey, and Watrous of senate: To amend article 8 of chapter 34, session laws of 1897, providing for adjustment and payment of debts contracted by school districts which have been changed.

\$10,000 REWARD FOR SLAYERS.

Bartlesville Firm Makes Efforts to Capture Men Who Shot Employee.

Bartlesville, Okla., Jan. 29.—Determined to capture the slayers of Max White, who was shot and killed here Monday morning, the National Zinc company an about 500 of the employees today offered a reward of \$10,000.

The slain man was employed in the plant. Three negroes are said to have held up, robbed and killed White.

Liquor Charges Against Woman.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 29.—Mrs. Jessie D. Finley of Pawhuska, arrested here yesterday, was arraigned in the federal court here today on an indictment charging her with selling liquor without first paying the government tax. She pleaded not guilty.

Robert Nix and family will soon be at home and enjoying farm life on their place near Centralia.

THE HIGH SCHOOL

The most talked of institution and the most noted personages in Vinita is the Vinita high school and its members, remarked a business man this morning in speaking of the articles that have been appearing in the high school column of this paper written by the students themselves. The man further said that he was glad that it was so, as the best recommendation a town could possibly have was the character of its high schools and the students in them. The greater part of the male students in the Vinita school he said are gentlemen at all times and the girls conduct themselves as ladies. The boys, he said, it is true, go with their young lady school mates a good deal, but I am almost tempted to say that I am glad of that too, for that proves my point conclusively, the boys are cultivating themselves into men and gentlemen or the young ladies' parents would not permit them to do so.

This sentiment has been expressed by a number of others and some before expressing themselves on the subject of the school, its management and the time given to social affairs and athletics have visited that institution and found that the work done by the students is in keeping with the time and energy spent in the other part of their school life.

The students as a body are doing excellent work. Of course there is always a few in anything that can be criticised. They have a school spirit as often found when they wish to display it and have done much toward giving Vinita the splendid system of schools that it has. The students have been winners in almost everything they have attempted, and the town has stood behind and supported them. The business men have given them encouragement by their attendance at their athletic games, their visits to the school and to their debates, oratorical contests and a few have, as Mr. Stevens and the Sanders-Wright people are doing tonight, given them things that reach their hearts much quicker in the way of suppers and treats. This is the spirit that has made Vinita high school and its students the envy of the schools and cities of eastern Oklahoma and made it the winner in all things, attempted and is making men and women and ladies and gentlemen of its students and your children. Keep your eye on the Vinita high school and watch it grow and win.

Guthrie Federal Contract Let.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 29.—The Guthrie chamber of commerce was notified today by Congressman Bird McGuire that the contract for the construction of the \$125,000 addition to the federal building here was let yesterday in Washington to the Hill Construction company of Charlottesville, Va., and that work will begin immediately. The entire building will be made four stories high.

Taxation.

There is today in Oklahoma cities and towns, a class of persons suffering from the excessive taxation on small incomes and their real estate—actually crippled in the domestic economy side of life—hardly able to make matters "come out right"—and keep out of debt; homes, if they have any, mortgaged and liable to be taken from them sooner or later.

Now why cannot Oklahoma afford to go a little slower—adjusting itself more evenly to the real condition of these things (much of which has been brought about by the great haste to become great) more in consideration of the masses the working class and those of small incomes. 'Tis time too, that we all like progress, and to know that our state ranks well educationally and in many other ways, but there is a great deal in this subject of taxation that we think should just now receive the attention of our law-makers as well as their constituency.

We clip the following from a Kansas City paper:

"Quite as progressive as was its decision sustaining an advanced industrial liability and compensation act is the decision of the supreme court of Wisconsin—one of the strong and great courts of the country—fully and unreservedly sustaining the new law for the taxation of incomes. This law is a substitute for the impossible general property tax law to which other states, including Illinois, still stick. It is full of novel and radical features. It exempts small incomes while taxing all incomes above \$800 on a graduated scale.

"The court unanimously and unhesitatingly declares that the act is constitutional. It may not be wise from the standpoint of economics or political science; state incomes tax laws may not be as desirable as a national income tax law; but the courts have nothing to do with matters of policy. The legislature and people of Wisconsin were dissatisfied with the general property tax and deliberately adopted a substitute. Had they the power to recognize inequalities in income and wealth and provide for different degrees of taxation? They had that power under the constitution, answers the court. In interpreting an organic charter it is not necessary to ignore realities; on the contrary, it is proper and necessary to take them into account. Conditions have changed, and constitutional provisions must be interpreted in the light of present facts and circumstances. This is the Wisconsin view, repeatedly proclaimed by the highest court. It must and will become the view of all courts.

\$5,000,000 Pipe Line Mortgage.

Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 29.—The Kansas City Pipe Line company today recorded a mortgage of \$5,000,000 in favor of the Fidelity Trust company of Kansas City with the register of deeds of Tulsa county. This is the largest mortgage recorded in Tulsa county and the fourth supplemental mortgage to be given by the Kansas City Pipe Line company.

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OKLAHOMA NEWS IN BRIEF.

Unless boss printers should sign articles of agreement, including wage scale and eight-hour work day, members of the Oklahoma City Book Binders' Union say they will strike.

Miss Bessie Dougal has brought suit at Oklahoma City against Ewers White of McLoud, former member of the state board of agriculture, asking \$15,000 damages for alleged slander.

Political gossip in connecting the name of H. H. Smith of Pottawatomie county, member of the lower house and defeated candidate for speaker, with the next democratic gubernatorial race.

Regulation from Texas has been honored by Governor Cruce asking the return of Annie Johnson of Fannin county, on a charge of assault to murder. The woman was under arrest at Hugo.

The Oklahoma City chamber of commerce has issued a signed statement denying allegations that the running of joints and gambling houses in Oklahoma City is receiving the support of that organization.

Commercial organizations of Tulsa and Muskogee have decided to co-operate in an endeavor to get the department of agriculture to establish farmers' co-operative farm demonstration work in all counties in eastern Oklahoma.

Bootlegging a Felony.

Oklahoma City, Jan. 29.—The bill making liquor law violations a felony and the Muskogee fair bill were today passed by the house after a strenuous afternoon of debate. The prohibition bill was passed to final roll call on a viva voce vote but the bill locating the state fair at Muskogee was passed finally by a vote of 55 to 41.

The Franklin-Mitchell bill makes the minimum penalty for bootlegging a fine of \$50.00 and 30 days in jail and the maximum \$2,000 and five years in the penitentiary. An effort was made to reduce the maximum penalty to two years but it failed to pass.

J. A. Smith, a former printer among the shops of this city was here this morning en route from a visit in the cities east to his home in Fort Worth, Tex., where he is connected with a horticultural journal.

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